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15th ANNUAL BALDWIN BONANZA—MAY 5

"LAS VOLS" PLAN PREVIEW PARTY FOR MEMBERS, GUESTS

The Baldwin Bonanza would never happen were it not for Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes and the ladies who head the various activity committees.

Chairman of this gigantic benefit plant sale is Mrs. Donald (Sandy) Haven who may not be seen at the Bonanza due to her prior occupation with producing a new member of her family—and maybe, someday, for the Arboretum.

The Co-Chairman is Mrs. Joseph (Ruthe) Betti who operates in an advisory capacity along with Foundation president Kirk Evans and Las Voluntarias president Robin Stafford.

Among the general chairmen are Siby Minton, cashier; Jane Kaler, food coordinator; Joan Malafronte, Foundation cashier; Tak Niiya, graphic arts; Eileen Hume, mailings, posters and flyers; David Lofgren and Jim Bauml, plant information; Milt Murset, plant security; Carol Overturf, preview party bar; Dr. and Mrs. Ben Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Evans, preview party greeters; Julia Stoneman and Pearl Avery, preview party tickets; Dee Uhl, raffle tickets; Charlotte Hawkins, worker lists; Ginnie Wilson, worker's supper and lunch; Elaine Hoffman, visitor information.

Chairmen in charge of booths are: Ruth Harris, Arboretum introductions; Lucy Solin, baloons; Beth and Ed English, children's booth; Dixie McIntee, ferns; Eleanore Wigley, herbs and edibles; Janet Jones, bromeliads; Mildred McDuffie, houseplants; Audrey Love, orchids; Chuck Wagner, palms; Pat Sewell, rare and unusual plants; Dorothy Murset, shade plants; Arden Keev-

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ANNUAL PLANT SALE SET

BARGAIN PRICES OFFERED

The fifteenth annual benefit plant sale, Baldwin Bonanza, will open Sunday, May 5 at 9 a.m. and is expected to draw record crowds of southern California gardeners looking for landscaping plants at bargain prices.

Las Voluntarias y Ayudantes, the highly active group of several hundred ladies who give generously of their time to make these important events run smoothly, are putting together a preview party designed to give members of the California Arboretum Foundation and their guests a first hand look at what the general public will be offered the next day.

You should have an invitation in your hand now for the Preview Party and we remind you it is to be held Saturday, May 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Entry fee for this party is $5.00 for members and $10.00 for guests. As always, these fees defray costs as well as provide some additional support for the Arboretum.

While Mrs. Donald (Sandy) Haven is this year's chairman and Mrs. Joseph (Ruthe) Betti is co-chairman, the stars of the event are the plants. Francis Ching and his staff have been busy locating common and unusual plants to offer.

This year's plant selection will feature blue flowering perennials. All the plants should be in bloom during the show.

Your Contribution
to the
Matching Fund
is Needed by
June 30.

We particularly want to bring Scabiosa Lucida to your attention. Growing to 2 feet, the plant develops a pincushion flower; grows in well drained soil, but is quite drought tolerant; enjoys a sunny location and can be divided.

All the Scabiosa make excellent cut flowers and were formerly featured in old fashioned bouquets. As a species the plant has fallen from the high peak of favor it once had. Species available at the Baldwin Bonanza will be Scabiosa Annual and Scabiosa House Hybrid.

There will be other blue flowering plants as well, including Linum perenne, Sisyrinchium bellum, Platycodon grandiflora, Geranium incana, Stokesia and Campanula medium.

All these plants (and many others) will be in one gallon size and sell for around $3.00.

Good buys on Staghorn Fern in specimen size will be available as will the palm, Neodypsis de caryi, in 5 gallon size.

The rare and unusual plant booth will tempt the visitor with Philodendron elegans, grown from seed at our Arboretum; Dudleya brittonii, a California native started in our gardens and Tacca, the Batflower, a shade plant which always attracts attention due to its odd shape. The Batflower will be in bloom during the plant show.

The Baldwin Bonanza has grown in stature over the years due to its large and wide selection of plant material suited for our valley climate.

Prices for plants will generally run in the $3.00 to $5.00 range for one gallon size, but more for certain rare plants or larger plants.

WALTER DOTY NAMED HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

The Foundation has named Walter Doty and Honorary Life Member to honor his lifetime dedication to gardening and landscaping.

Mr. Doty, who was 90 years old on his last birthday, has been described as "Dean of horticultural publications" by Francis Ching, director at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, due to his longtime appointment as editor of Sunset magazine and his stint as editor of Ortho magazine.

Richard Ray, past president of the California Arboretum Foundation marks Doty as his mentor and says he has had an impact which is incalculable concerning garden and patio living in California.

Doty is credited with suggesting and encouraging our Garden of All Seasons as well as the Sunset Demonstration Gardens.

Doty joins a list of notables who have been named Honorary Life Members by the Foundation, all of whom have had a large impact on southern California gardening.

THE SEASON AND ITS LESSON

The March/April edition of Garden Magazine featured an etching on its cover that was from an April, 1868 Harper's Weekly.

Godey's "Lady's Book and Magazine" featured a similar etching entitled "Gardening" that same year.

The Editor of Godey's, using the flowery prose of the era, wrote: "And now, when MAY, full-robed in her garniture of living green, with its tassels and fringes, its buttons and buds, and ornamented and crowned with her rainbow-hued flowers—is with us—does not the lesson teach that the All-Wise Creator intended His human children should love the beautiful and be made better and happier by the good gifts of the season?"

PLANTS IN BLOOM AT BONANZA

In addition to interesting and unusual plants to be available at the Baldwin Bonanza old favorites in bloom offered for sale will include fuchsias, gloxinias, New Guinea impatiens, orchids and pelargonium.

CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION, INC.
Statement of Revenue and Expense
Year Ended June 30, 1984

Revenues			
	Coffee Shop rentals	$12,227	
	Gift Shop Net income	97,271	
	Locations rental income	60,722	
	Membership fees, net of GARDEN magazine costs	36,821	
	Interest income	49,791	
	Special income projects (Bonanza, ets.)	63,770	
	Support services	31,461	
	Miscellaneous income	2,251	
	Total		$354,314
Expenses			
	Payroll tax	$10,140	
	Salaries	94,991	
	Grounds maintenance	73,762	
	Horticultural studies	56,132	
	Equipment purchases	81,116	
	Insurance	6,465	
	Las Voluntarias & Los Ayudantes	2,128	
	Office operations cost	15,911	
	All other expenses	24,627	
	Total		$365,272
Excess of Expenses over Revenue			$10,958

NOTE: The excess of expenses over revenue is due principally to equipment purchases.

MATCHING FUND GROWS

Alice Thomas announced that response to letters sent to Foundation members has been good toward reaching the Matching Fund goal of $200,000 by June 30.

Mrs. Thomas remarked, "What is really exciting is to see such a broad cross section of our membership participating."

A check at the Foundation office shows over $10,000 has already been donated. Informal surveys of our friends indicates a strong commitment to the Arboretum program and a willingness to be a part of the Matching Fund.

If you have not yet added your name to the growing list, today is as good a time as any to respond.

In her letter, Mrs. Thomas said the tightening of the County budget over the years has brought Arboretum capital projects to a complete standstill. Funds raised by the California Arboretum Foundation have been needed for maintenance of our world renowned gardens and fulfillment of our public education programs.

She reminds us that every dollar raised from now until July, 1985 will be matched dollar for dollar up to $200,000.

Among the projects slated to be completed, should we be successful, include the Education office, a Visitor Orientation Center, a water conservation display, an improved entryway vista, road resurfacing, Lecture Hall renovation, tropical greenhouse walkway, parking lot redesign and lighting, a walkway to the picnic area and Interpretive Centers for major areas.

Mrs. Thomas concludes, "Please invest now in the future of the Arboretum with your tax deductible donation made payable to the California Arboretum Foundation."

PRIZES TO BE DRAWN

While the purchasing of plant material is the basic thrust of the Baldwin Bonanza, a lot of fun is thrown into the activities of the day.

Along about 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, someone will reach into the barrel of tickets and select winning numbers. Some lucky person will take home far more than just plants as part of his bonanza.

For a $1.00 ticket (plus the fortune of having your number called) the winner will be taking home a wireless—remote VCR or a telephone answering machine, this year's special gift from the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

Other prizes include a floral watercolor by Margaret Wilson, Brown Jordan patio furniture, an electronic pinball machine, garden equipment and other miscellaneous items.

Someone has said the more you buy, the greater the chance of winning. In this game your ticket supports the California Arboretum Foundation and its programs. As you can see, everyone is a winner.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

April 13 - April 14
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Ayres Hall — San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Show

April 20 - April 21
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Lecture Hall — Amaryllis Show

April 21, 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM Ayres Hall — Victorian Herbal Fair & Tea

April 27, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM Ayres Hall — Pacific Rose Show

MAY

May 5, 9 AM to 4 PM — BALDWIN BONANZA XV

May 19, 11 AM to 4:30 PM Ayres Hall — Epiphylum Show

May 25 - May 26 - May 27
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Ayres Hall — Santa Anita Bonsai Show

SPECIAL NOTE

PRIVILEGE PASS
Available for Baldwin Bonanza

To encourage a higher level of giving to the Matching Fund program, the Membership Committee is making available a special PRIVILEGE PASS which will entitle a donor of $500 or more special convenience parking and free entrance to this year's Baldwin Bonanza.

The PRIVILEGE PASS will also be available to those who raise their level of yearly giving by May 1st to $500 or more. A member who has been considering a larger gift is encouraged to make the donation at this time so that the Foundation can take advantage of the Matching Fund, thereby doubling the size of the gift.

The Matching Fund goal is $200,000.

To arrange for a PRIVILEGE PASS please call the Foundation office at 447-8207 so that staff can make appropriate arrangements for you to secure the pass.

LAS VOL PARTY
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ers, spring color; Thelma Petz, Staghorn ferns; Jean Atkinson, sun plants; Christine Soldate, trees and shrubs; Harry Overlock, large plant will-call; Connie Randles, small plant will-call.

SPRING CLEANING
by
Wendy Sekovich

It is said that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. But in the garden, the most satisfying distance between two points is a curved path. While walking along my brick garden path, marvelling at the moss poking up between the cracks, my eye wandered to the beds where my "Spring Cleaning" was about to begin. Now, I'm not talking about the boring Spring Cleaning involving dust balls and changing shelf-paper! Spring chores in my garden are fun and exciting and filled with new discoveries. While inhaling the fragrant aroma from the clusters of flowers on my Viburnum japonicum, I noticed some little green fellows huddled together enjoying the tender new green shoots. I immediately grabbed the hose and washed the aphids off with a strong spray of water. That is usually sufficient treatment, but just in case they decide to return, I made a note to pick up the proper chemicals on my next trip to the nursery.

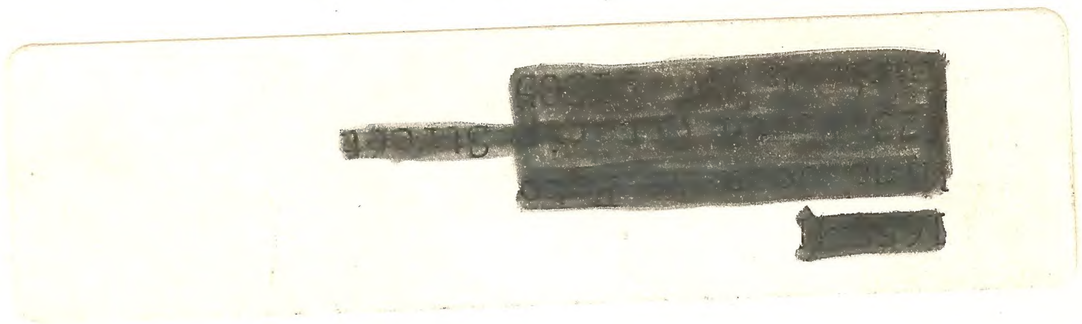
I rambled on down my garden path and started noticing many new seedlings sprouting. As I had not planted any seeds in this area, I realized I was due for an outstanding display of Glendale's hardiest, smog-tolerant plants—weeds! They were still at a stage where I could successfully pull them out, but I decided to identify them and add weed killer to my nursery list as a precaution. While on my hands and knees in my weed collection, I happened to glance over at the bermuda lawn. It is probably one of the most faithful plants in my garden. With a little care, it rewards me each summer with a lush green carpet that feels cool and fresh under bare feet. I decided it was time to reward it with a good feeding and added fertilizer to my nursery list.

I continued down the path, identifying more weeds and insects as I went and adding the proper chemical controls to my nursery shopping list. As I was meandering, I noted plants that needed to be replaced and bare spots where I could experiment with new plants. I made a note to look into the tropical plants (bougainvellea, hibiscus, lantana, etc.) and citrus available for spring planting.

After finishing my Spring Cleaning inventory of the entire garden, I headed for the nursery with my good intentions and a list a mile long. While looking at the pots and flats of brightly blooming annuals, I decided to buy some to scatter around my garden for instant color and to keep my spirits up while I continue my "Spring Cleaning" chores. My husband said that was like sweeping the dirt under the rug—but I rather like looking up from my weed pulling and seeing the sunny colors of Spring.

ADVICE TO THE LEAF-LORN:

A pot of basil growing on the picnic table will keep insects away!



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